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TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 0501

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SENATOR FULBRIGHT)

SUBJ: ARAB LEAGUE INVITATION TO SENATOR FULBRIGHT: VISIT TO
QATAR

REF: STATE 125229

1. THERE ARE SOME PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH REFTTEL'S DESCRIPTION
OF SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S ITINERARY AND ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNECTION
WITH HIS VISIT TO QATAR.

2. JUNE 8-9 TIMING WITH EVENING ARRIVAL AND MORNING DEPARTURE
WILL GREATLY RESTRICT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH KEY OFFICIALS,
ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE GOQ WILL WANT TO PUT ITS BEST FOOT FORWARD
FOR THE SENATOR.

3. THERE IS NO RPT NO ARAB LEAGUE REP IN DOHA AND GOQ ITSELF
NOT RPT NOT AT ITS BEST IN COORDINATING ARRANGEMENTS.

4. EMBASSY IS PREPARED AND DELIGHTED TO ASSIST, BUT WE DO NOT
RPT NOT WISH TO USURP ARAB LEAGUE ROLE AS COST OR ARRANGER.
IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL FOR US TO HAVE SENATOR'S OWN VIEWS
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ON ROLE EMBASSY SHOULD PLAY IN VISIT. DOES HE WANT US TO ASSURE

THAT GOQ IS TAKING PROPER CARE OF ALL LOGISTICS, APPOINTMENTS,
ETC, AND OTHERWISE STAY OUT OF HIS PROGRAM; OR DOES HE WANT US
TO TAKE INTEGRAL PART IN HIS VISIT, I.E. AMBASSADOR
ACCOMPANYING ON CALLS, ETC.?

5. WE EXPECT THAT AS USUAL GOQ WILL LOOK TO EMBASSY AS FOCUS
FOR VISIT OF SENATOR FULBRIGHT AS AN IMPORTANT AMERICAN PERSON-
ALITY, REGARDLESS OF ARAB LEAGUE SPONSORSHIP, SENATOR'S PRIVATE
CITIZEN STATUS AND HIS FORMER POSITION AS LEGISLATOR RATHER
THAN EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIAL. AGAIN, WE ARE PREPARED TO RENDER
FULL ASSISTANCE, BUT MUST KNOW WHAT SENATOR WANTS OF US BESIDES
NEEDLING GOQ TO PREPARE PROPERLY FOR HIS VISIT.
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